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FROM MACDONALD

IN EMB OFF'S CALL ON UMAYYIR, DIR AFRO-ASIAN AFFAIRS FONOFF, LATTER BROUGHT UP SUBJECT US ABSTENTION SC YEMEN RESOLUTION. UMAYYIR NEITHER SURPRISED NOR UNDULY CONCERNED BY ABSTENTION, AND THEREFORE NOT PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED EMBOFF'S EXPLANATION REASONING US VOTE (USUN 4 TO TRIPOLI). HOWEVER, HE GREATLY SURPRISED AND IMPRESSED FRENCH VOTE AGAINST "WESTERN BLOC" AND IN FAVOR AFRO-ASIANS, WHICH HE REMARKED WAS FIRST TIME THIS HAD OCCURRED. IN HIS VIEW, THIS BORE OUT GROWING FEELING LIBYAN FONOFF AND POLITICAL CIRCLES THAT FRENCH POLICY TOWARDS ARABS, AND REVERSE, UNDERGOING BASIC CHANGE. SAID GOL VERY PLEASED DE GAULLE'S NEW DIRECTION, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO INFLUENCE BEN BELLA. IN SAME LINE, UMAYYIR SAID GOL SOMEWHAT SURPRISED FRENCH DID NOT TAKE LEAD AT RECENT GENEVA CONFERENCE TO SEAT CHICOMS. CONTINUED THAT FRENCH POSITION AT FORTHCOMING UN SESSION ON CHINESE REPRESENTATION WILL HAVE GREAT INFLUENCE ON AFRICAN STATES, THOUGH HE GAVE NO INDICATION GOL POSITION THIS ISSUE.

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